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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Identification of Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of altering requirements of the Election Code relating to the
4 identification of voters at the polling place; and generally relating to polling
5 place procedures.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 33 - Election Code
8 Section 10-310(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 33 - Election Code**

14 10-310.

15 (a) In accordance with instructions provided by the local board, an election
16 judge shall qualify a voter by:

17 [(1) Locating the voter's name in the precinct register and locating the
18 preprinted voting authority card;

19 (2) (i) If the voter's name is not found on the precinct register,
20 searching the inactive list and if the name is found, qualifying the voter for voting as
21 instructed; or

22 (ii) If the voter's name is not on the inactive list, contacting the
23 local board office and, if authorized, issuing a temporary certificate of registration, as
24 provided in § 3-601 of this article;

1 (3) Establishing the identity of the voter by requesting the voter to state
2 the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to the information
3 listed in the precinct register;

4 (4) Verifying the address of the voter's residence;

5 (5) If any changes to the voting authority card are indicated by a voter,
6 making the appropriate changes in information on the card or other appropriate form;
7 and

8 (6) Having the voter sign the voting authority card and either issuing the
9 voter a ballot or sending the voter to a machine to vote.]

10 (1) ASKING THE VOTER TO STATE THE VOTER'S FULL NAME AND
11 CURRENT ADDRESS;

12 (2) LOCATING THE VOTER'S NAME IN THE PRECINCT REGISTER AND
13 LOCATING THE PREPRINTED VOTING AUTHORITY CARD;

14 (3) (I) IF THE VOTER'S NAME IS NOT FOUND ON THE PRECINCT
15 REGISTER, SEARCHING THE INACTIVE LIST AND, IF THE NAME IS FOUND,
16 QUALIFYING THE VOTER FOR VOTING AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION; OR

17 (II) IF THE VOTER'S NAME IS NOT ON THE INACTIVE LIST,
18 CONTACTING THE LOCAL BOARD OFFICE AND, IF AUTHORIZED, ISSUING A
19 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, AS PROVIDED IN § 3-601 OF THIS
20 ARTICLE;

21 (4) VERIFYING THE VOTER'S CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS;

22 (5) IF THE VOTER PROVIDES A DIFFERENT CURRENT RESIDENCE
23 ADDRESS THAN WHAT IS LISTED IN THE PRECINCT REGISTER OR THE INACTIVE LIST,
24 REQUIRING THE VOTER TO COMPLETE AND SIGN A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM
25 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY
26 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 27, § 439 OF THE CODE;

27 (6) ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF THE VOTER BY REQUESTING THE
28 VOTER TO PRESENT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION:

29 (I) A STATE VOTER REGISTRATION CARD;

30 (II) A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD;

31 (III) A VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE;

32 (IV) ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED
33 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR A POLITICAL
34 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; OR

1 (V) A VALID EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARD CONTAINING A
2 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VOTER AND ISSUED BY AN EMPLOYER OF THE VOTER IN THE
3 ORDINARY COURSE OF THE EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS;

4 (7) IF THE VOTER IS UNABLE TO PRESENT ONE OF THE FORMS OF
5 IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, REQUIRING THE
6 VOTER TO SIGN A STATEMENT, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY AS
7 PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 27, § 439 OF THE CODE, STATING THAT THE VOTER IS WHO
8 THE VOTER CLAIMS TO BE;

9 (8) IF THE VOTER DOES NOT PROVIDE A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD AS A
10 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, ASKING THE VOTER TO STATE THE VOTER'S SOCIAL
11 SECURITY NUMBER AND RECORDING THAT NUMBER ON THE PRECINCT REGISTER;

12 (9) IF ANY CHANGES TO THE VOTING AUTHORITY CARD ARE INDICATED
13 BY A VOTER, MAKING THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN INFORMATION ON THE CARD
14 OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FORM;

15 (10) MARKING THE PRECINCT REGISTER NEXT TO THE VOTER'S
16 PREPRINTED NAME WITH THE FIRST OR NEXT CONSECUTIVE NUMBER FROM THE
17 VOTER COUNT FORM PROVIDED BY THE STATE BOARD; AND

18 (11) HAVING THE VOTER SIGN THE VOTING AUTHORITY CARD, AND
19 EITHER ISSUING THE VOTER A BALLOT OR SENDING THE VOTER TO A MACHINE TO
20 VOTE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2001.